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MAKING THE MOST OF MUSIC

Before the invention of the victrola, the work of great artists in musical circles was fated to remain only a memory after their career was ended. Now their productions can be retained long after their death and can be placed in the homes of many people at a very moderate cost. It was indeed a triumph of creative genius that gave us the victrola. Now we are permitted to sit in our own homes and to listen to masterpieces rendered by artists who have thus been brought close to us. We can study their methods and be entertained and refreshed by listening to their music while sitting at ease in our own armchairs. We can entertain our friends by winding up the victrola and allowing it to do our entertaining for us, while we sit back with folded hands and smile. We can listen to the best of music while we eat, while we do our housework, while we sit at our sewing.

But, great as are the benefits derived from this invention, and much as we enjoy it and profit from it, there is one fact in connection with it upon which we should do some very serious thinking.

The average person is born with a certain amount of musical ability, more or less. But for the average person to attain any degree of proficiency of performance upon piano, violin, or any other musical instrument requires necessarily a great many hours of tedious practice upon uninteresting exercises in order to acquire a technique which will enable him to express himself through interpreting the works of great masters of musical composition. Also, if the average person would learn to sing properly, he must go through an equal amount of tedious drudgery. He must learn the fundamentals of tone-placing and breath control before he can hope to sing well or to develop his voice to its full capacity.

Again the average person is born with a certain musical sense which demands satisfaction either through self-expression or through listening to music of some sort, either good or bad. This musical sense is capable of being trained and educated. While the untrained musical ear may be satisfied with jazz which leaves behind it a sense of irritation and unrest, the trained ear demands something finer and better and turns instinctively from the lighter, coarser music to the masterpieces of great artists with all their soothing uplifting influences.

But we must bear in mind that the average person is also born with a certain amount of laziness or inertia in his system which often leads him to satisfy himself musically by listening to what other people have done instead of plunging ahead to see what he himself may do. And right here the problem of the victrola and player piano presents itself. It is indeed much easier to produce music for the home and for the entertainment of friends by turning a crank than by devoting hours and hours of study and practice to the perfecting of one's own talents or to the urging upon one's children the necessity for their going through this routine work, and then standing over them and seeing that they do it.

Many a voice, capable of great development in beauty and power, has been lost to the world and to the enjoyment of friends because the owner of it failed to recognize the priceless possession which had been given him and so failed to make the most of it, or else was too indifferent to work hard. Many a home goes throughout the years without the uplifting and helpful influence of music because the children of the household were not urged to learn how to sing and play.

There is great relaxation from nerve strain in musical expression. There is great need in this country of ours that musical sense be cultivated, that musical talent be developed, if we are ever to make the most of the gifts which the Goddess of Music is freely offering us. It is still true that "Music hath charms to soothe the savage breast," and we are all more or less savages and need soothing.

And so while we listen to the productions of great artists reproduced for us upon our victrolas, let us ask ourselves the question as to whether we are making the most of our own musical talents, and shrink not from the drudgery we must undergo in order to develop them. For there is no one gift bestowed upon man that does more to inspire and ennoble, to lead to higher levels of thought and of life if he puts himself in a position to profit by it, than the gift of music. Someone has expressed this idea thus: "Give me the making of a nation's songs and I care not who makes its laws."

Individually and collectively we cannot afford to let the musical spirit of America decline, nor can we afford to let our own musical sense and musical talent go uncultivated. We need good music in our homes and in our schools as well as in our concert halls.

There is plenty of opportunity for each and every one of us to make the most of our natural talents if we are willing to make the most of our opportunities at the expense of sacrificing something in the line of ease or pleasure. It is very much worth while that we do this and thus add our quota to the music of the world.

SAFETY FIRST

The man who invented the slogan, "Safety First" improved one jump on the man who said, "Stop, Look, Listen," and both of them should be classed as public benefactors.

If there is anything we Americans need to do, it is to heed these terse warnings. We rush along in utter disregard of danger or the rights of others. Statistics for the year 1919 show that fifty persons were killed in auto accidents alone every day of the year, and much of this could have been avoided by heeding the "Safety First" Sign. We are living and traveling so fast that we do not realize the danger.

An account kept by the Ann Arbor Railroad, of vehicles of all sorts, crossing its tracks during the daytime and early part of the evening, over 14 crossings where watchmen are employed, in the cities and towns of Toledo, Milan, Ann Arbor, Howell, Owosso, Ithaca, Alma, Shepherd and Cadillac, for the seven days period ending August 20th, 1920, indicates the following:

Automobiles 30418, trucks 10048, horse vehicles 7761, total 48227; total persons 74399, average persons per vehicle 154.
Action taken by drivers: Stopped 1521—3.1 per cent; slowed down, 2045—4.2 per cent; looked one direction 1828—3.8 per cent; looked both directions 1338—2.7 per cent; no action 41495—86.2 per cent; total, 48227—100.0 per cent.

Under these circumstances it is any wonder that there are so many accidents on railroad crossings?

Cannot something be done to awaken the drivers of vehicles to a realization of the great danger that exists in passing over railroad crossings without care?

On the Ann Arbor, outside of cities and towns the white-washed fences indicate to drivers railroad crossings, but not more than 10 to 15 per cent use the care required of them.

In the record kept above for one week the lives of nearly 65,000 people were in jeopardy through indifference of the drivers of vehicles.

It is the duty of every driver of a vehicle in approaching a railroad crossing, to "Stop, look and listen" or at least to slow down so that the track may be seen to be clear in both directions for a safe distance, also all drivers should realize that a train running from forty to sixty miles per hour, will reach the crossing much sooner than a vehicle going at least fifteen to twenty-five miles per hour.

GOOD SALES

Sale of Christmas Seals Has Shown a Great Increase.

In 1919 the Michigan Anti-tuberculosis Association sold less than a million Christmas Seals in Michigan, while in 1920 nearly eight million seals were disposed of. The growth of the seal sale during the past decade has been a gradual one, each year surpassing the other.

But as the seal sale increased, the work of the association has also increased so that today it is an organization many times as large as the one that functioned in 1910. The seal sale sets the limit to the association's growth, since the funds from that sale are the only ones that come to it and out of which its expenses must be paid.

Meanwhile the population of the state has greatly increased, the flow of the population has been to the city and to industrialism with its rapid increase of tuberculosis problems. All this has made necessary more work in the prevention of this disease and the seal sale for 1920 will aim to meet these new conditions so that the work can keep pace with the needs of the situation.

Work has already begun on the 1920 campaign. An office force is busy organizing the state. The sale will be directed from a separate office so as not to interfere with the legitimate work of the association.

MARRIED IN WEST

A marriage of more than ordinary interest to Alma people was that of Mr. Fenton Fishbeck and Miss Esther Belle Smith which occurred at Los Angeles, Saturday, September 18. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fishbeck, former residents of Alma but now of California, and the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Smith of Alma. Both the bride and the groom graduated from Alma high school with the class of 1910. Mrs. Fishbeck continuing her studies at Alma College from which she graduated later. She is also a graduate of Mt. Pleasant Normal and has held several positions as a teacher. During the war she was in the employ of the government, holding a position in Gen. March's office at Washington from which she resigned a year ago to accompany her parents and sister on an auto trip to California. The lure of the west was upon her and she did not return with them but accepted a government position in the post office at Los Angeles. The groom is a young man well known and much liked in Alma where he lived all his life until leaving for the west some years since. They will make their home at Los Angeles.

GOVERNMENT POSITION

Government positions are open in the Chicago post office for a number of wide-awake young men. Re-classification has made this branch of the Federal Service a very desirable means of livelihood. Unusual opportunity is afforded young men of ability to secure positions unaffected by strikes and other labor disturbances. Salaries of clerks is from \$1,400 to \$2,000, with promotions to positions of greater responsibility, with corresponding increase in salary up to \$4,600, upon attained experience and ability. Automatic increase of \$100 annually, fifteen days vacation, exclusive of Sundays and holidays, ten days sick leave with pay, and old age pensions. Examination on October 30, 1920, at Alma, Michigan. For further information and application see W. M. Stuckey at Alma post office.

WHIFLEWHOOFS INSTALLED

Tuesday evening Wilbur Brucker, post commander of the Phillips-Elliott, Hodges post of the American Legion of Saginaw, and twenty members of that post came to Alma and instituted the social order of the Legion in the local post. Following the institution of the Connected Order of Whiflwhoofs seven members were initiated. Five former service men also joined the local post of the Legion at the Tuesday evening meeting.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Notice is hereby given that the co-partnership heretofore existing of Way, Murray, Whitney and Hoard, has been duly dissolved and discontinued and each of the parties thereto released and discharged of all liability as members of said firm as to each other. All debts and commissions owing the firm are to be paid to Fred J. Whitney.

Dated, Alma, Michigan, September 14, 1920.
Harry Way, Preston H. Murray, Fred J. Whitney, Frank L. Hoard.
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A Grateful Letter

It is in trying conditions like that related below by Mrs. Geo. L. North of Naples, N. Y., that proves the worth of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy. "Two years ago last summer" she says "our little boy had dysentery. At that time we were living in the country eight miles from a doctor. Our son was taken ill suddenly and was about the sickest child I ever saw. He was in terrible pain all the time and passed from one convulsion into another. I sent my husband for the doctor and after he was gone thought of a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy in the cupboard. I gave some of it and he began to improve at once. By the time the doctor arrived he was out of danger."—adv. 63-5w

NOTICE

The Women's Auxiliary American Legion will hold their regular meeting at the city hall Tuesday evening, September 28, at 7:30 p. m. We have some big plans for the future, so let all get in line and be at this next meeting and help get the ball spinning. Don't forget Tuesday night at 7:30.

Lest You Forget

Let us remind you that Chamberlain's Tablets not only cause a gentle movement of the bowels but improve the appetite and strengthen the digestion.

THE CHURCHES

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Rev. John A. Mulvey, Pastor.
Holy masses as follows: First and third Sundays of each month, at 8:00 and 10:30 a. m. Second and fourth Sundays at 10:30 a. m.

Free Methodist Church
Sunday Services—
Corner West Center and Cedar Ave.
Sunday School—10:00 a. m.
Preaching—11 a. m. and 7 p. m.
Thursday evening prayer meeting—7 p. m.
Peter White, Pastor, 222 Philadelphia avenue.

First Church of Christ, Scientist
511 N. Park ave.
Subject: Reality.
Sunday school—9:30 a. m.
Lesson: Sermon, 10:30.
Wednesday testimony meeting at 8:00 o'clock.

Reading room located at 113½ W. Superior St., is open daily except Sunday from 2:30 to 5 o'clock.
The public is cordially invited to the services and to the Reading Room.

St. John's Episcopal Church
Rev. J. Frank Jackson, Rector.
Morning Prayer—10 a. m. Subject for sermon: "Difference in Service."
Sunday School—11:30 a. m.
Evening prayer—7:30 p. m.
Subject for sermon: "Christ the Example."

All seats free. Everybody welcome.

First Baptist Church
Opposite Masonic Home, Edward Everett Shouffer, Pastor, residence, 504 Wright avenue.

10:00 a. m.—Divine Worship.
Sermon by the pastor on the "Parable of the Vineyard."

11:15—Sunday School.
6:30 p. m.—B. Y. P. U. meeting.
Topic: "The Baptist Task in Our State." Matt. 3:24-30. Leader, L. A. Sharp.

7:30 p. m.—Special services. The second sermon for young people, topic "The Silly Girls." The chorus choir that made such a good impression and rendered such excellent service last Sunday night will furnish the music on this occasion.
Young and old are welcome at all services.

Presbyterian Church.
Corner of W. Superior St. and Prospect ave. Rev. W. L. Gelston, minister.

10 a. m.—Sunday school.
11 a. m.—Morning Worship.
Theme: "The Christ Spirit in a Political Campaign."

2:30 p. m.—Junior Endeavor Society.

6:30 p. m.—Christian Endeavor. Topic: "Inspiring Stories from Foreign Mission Fields." Ps. 66: 1-8; Acts 14:23-28. (Missionary Meeting).

7:30 p. m.—Evening worship. Theme: "Ready for the Master's Coming."
A cordial welcome awaits everyone in each of these services.

This week Friday all the members of the young people's class of the Sunday School are to have an open-social in the church parlors.

Next week Thursday the topic of the prayer-service will be "Jesus and Temptations." Hb. 4:15, Matt 4:1-11; aMt. 26:41.

St. John's Lutheran Church
Rev. C. W. Waldeich, Pastor, St. Louis, Mo.
Regular services next Sunday at 9:45 a. m. You are invited.

Sunday school immediately after the services.

The Ladies' Aid will serve a dinner in the basement of the church on the day of the Mission festival to be celebrated about the 10th of October. Special announcement later.

Prominent outside speakers have been engaged for the day.
A special meeting of the Lutheran Ladies' Aid is to be held Sept. 30. All members are invited to be present.

Eastminster Chapel
Republic ave. (near plant 3)
Minister: Rev. R. Grierson, 205 Grove.

10 a. m.—Prayer for blessing on the Sabbath day services.
10:15—Sunday school.
11:30—Morning worship. Theme: "The Day of Judgment."

6:30 p. m.—Senior Endeavor.
7:30—Evening worship. There will be a fine stereopticon bible lecture illustrated by beautifully colored views of the first Pilgrim Fathers, and the great story of Joseph and his brethren.

Thursday at 7:30 p. m.—Mid week Service.

SETHTON

Howard Hurd of Ionia called on friends here Sunday.

Charles Holiday and family spent Sunday with relatives near St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Croy have returned from Lansing where they visited their daughters several days.

Glenn Wilcox drives a new Dodge car.

Mr. and Mrs. John Jarvis accompanied Joseph Jarvis and family of Brice to Alma Sunday where they spent the day at the J. A. Gardner home on State street.

Mrs. Leon Wilcox, who has been very sick the past weeks, is home better. Mrs. Hyatt is nursing there.

Mrs. Alice Helman is assisting with the housework.

The Utility club will be entertained at the Roy Hurd home in Ionia Tuesday, Sept. 28.

Verne Gardner and family and Floyd Collet and family of Perrinton spent Sunday at the Harvey Humphrey home at Portland.

New music just arrived. Also complete line of lunches at DeLuxe, Your Store.—adv.

Nalla Axmi—Strand all next week.—adv.

Chronic Catarrh
Our manner of living makes us very susceptible to colds and a succession of colds causes chronic catarrh a loathsome disease with which it is estimated that ninety-five per cent of our adult population are afflicted. If you would avoid chronic catarrh you must avoid colds or having contracted a cold get rid of it as quickly as possible. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is highly recommended as a cure for colds and can be depended upon.

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Laboratories, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
—adv. 66-2w

Race Suicide—
One of the Causes!

Plain words are warranted when truth supports them and conditions justify.

Morality "That goes to Church on Sunday," and then refuses to rent homes or rooms (the makeshift home of many) to those who have children, is a real condition in many towns and cities all over the land.

The father of a family who seeks to rent more often than not has to content himself with second best, to say the least.

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